Scarcity of water in Oollur.

178. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Are the Government aware that there is great scarcity of drinking water in Oollur in the Trivandrum taluk?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to call for a report as to whether a small plot of Government land situated on the side of the Trivandrum-Quilon road near the girls' school at Oollur cannot be made available for sinking a well?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) It is being enquired into.

(2) Yes.

Abolition of Apicultural, Sericultural and Poultry sections of the Agricultural Department.

179. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before them to abolish the apiculture, sericulture and poultry farming sections of the Department of Agriculture?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no such proposal before Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the question of the abolition or the continuation of these sections is being considered by the Government?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): On both the points, a report has been called for from the head of the department.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know the circumstances that necessitated the calling for such a report?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Calling for a report is different from a proposal. It is preliminary to considering a question. Your original question was whether there was any proposal before Government. The answer is "there is no such proposal."

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I submit that they are closely related matters. Of course, as an outsider I could only get information that something is going on in regard to the abolition of these sections.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It has already been answered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The answer is that a report has been called for. Now I wish to know what grounds there are for raising such a question? I think it is a relevant supplementary question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not say that it is not relevant. I merely suggested to you that your original question has been fully answered.

MR. A THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is something out of the way that Government should call for a report from the head of a

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